Warden Message – U.S. Embassy, Quito, Ecuador

Large March Scheduled Tomorrow in Quito

October 14, 2010

The U.S. Embassy in Ecuador advises American citizens living or traveling in Ecuador that a large march is expected to take place Friday, October 15, at 3:00 p.m. in Quito. Participants are expected to gather at Parque el Arbolito and march to the Plaza de San Francisco where President Correa is expected to address the crowd around 5:00 p.m. Military personnel and municipal police will be providing security for the march.

At this time it is unknown how many individuals will participate in this event, but high numbers are anticipated. While this event is expected to be a peaceful march, American citizens should keep in mind that large gatherings can turn violent with little or no warning. Citizens are urged to avoid the areas where the march will occur and be prepared for road closures and congestion if traveling in the vicinity of the march route and the historic center of Quito.

Americans living or traveling in Ecuador are encouraged to register with the nearest U.S. Embassy or Consulate and to obtain updated information on travel and security within Ecuador through the <u>Department of State's travel</u> registration website.

U.S. citizens should consult the <u>Country Specific Information</u> for Ecuador and the latest Travel Alerts and Warnings and Worldwide Caution at the <u>Department's website</u>. Updated information on travel and security in Ecuador may also be obtained from the Department of State by calling 1-888-407-4747 within the United States or by calling 1-202-501-4444 outside the United States.

The U.S. Embassy in Quito is located at Avigiras E12-170 y Eloy Alfaro. The telephone number for American Citizen Service (ACS) inquiries is (011 593-2) 398-5000. Within the same city use the last seven digits. Add the city code for intercity telephone calls. Public call-in hours are Monday through Thursday 8:00 to 10:00 a.m. and Friday 10:00 to 11:00 a.m. Appointments for ACS are available through our website.

The <u>U.S. Consulate General in Guayaquil</u> is located at the corner of Avenida 9 de Octubre and Garcia Moreno (near the Hotel Oro Verde); telephone (011-593-4) 232-3570 during business hours, 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., or 232-1152 for after-hours emergencies.

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